Sl. No.	Name of Country	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
9.	Indonesia	—	0.34	—
10.	Germany	—	0.29	—
11.	Iran	—	—	1.50
	TOTAL	23.28	23.89	5.56

Opening of Fertilizer Factory in N.E.

1681. SHRI M. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) wheather Government have any plan for opening a new fertilizer factory in the North Eastern Region during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether there is any plan to assist in construction of godowns to stock fertilizers in the transport bottlenecks, facing States in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) As per the industrial policy resolution dated 24th July, 1991, no license is normally required for setting up/expansion of fertilizer plants. Entreprenours are free to set up fertilizer projects anywhere in the country subject to environmental clearance. However, Public Sector Undertakings/Cooperative Societies under the adminstrative control of the Department of Fertilizers have to obtain approval of the Government before undertaking such capital expenditure beyond their delegated powers. At present, no proposal for setting up a new fertilizer factory in the North Eastern Region has been posed to the Government by the PSUs/Cooperative Societies for approval. However, Hindustran Fertilizer Corporation Ltd., a public sector undertaking, is revamping its Namrup Unit, in Assam at an estimated cost of Rs.350 crore to increase urea production by 3.28 lakh tonnes per annum.

(b) To make available fertilizers to the North-East States and other hill areas which face transportation problems, the Government of India is providing additional freight support for movement of decontrolled fertilizers in these States effective from 1.4.97. Arrangements are also made for buffer stocking of DAP/MOP to meet emergent needs at different buffer stocking centres, including Guwahati, to cover North-East States.

Income Tax paid by the KRIBHCO

1682. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise Income-tax paid by KRIBHCO during the last three years;

(b) the projects under implementation and total investment involved, as on date;

(c) the status of KRIBHCO's project in Oman; and

(d) the zero date of the project and the tentative date of commissioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The amount of income tax provided by KRIBHCO during the last three financial year is given below:

Year	Tax provided (Rs. crore)
1996-97	99.50
1997-98	145.00
1998-99	127.00

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